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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE FOR CERTAIN CONTRABAND INTERDICTION SYSTEM RULES

GN Docket No. 13-111

On July 13, 2021, the Commission released the *Second Report and Order* in this proceeding, in which it adopted a framework requiring the disabling of contraband wireless devices detected in correctional facilities upon satisfaction of certain criteria.¹ A summary of the *Second Report and Order* was published in the Federal Register on August 13, 2021, and certain rules became effective on September 13, 2021.² In the *Second Report and Order*, the Commission adopted rule sections 20.23(b)(1), (3)-(5), (7); (c)(1)-(2), (3), (3)(iii)-(iv), (4)(i)-(ii), (v); and (d), which contain new or modified information collection requirements requiring review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act.³ The effective date for these rules is based on publication in the Federal Register of a notice announcing approval by OMB of the new or modified information collection requirements. Such notice was published in the Federal Register on May 3, 2022, and specified that the rules became effective immediately.

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¹ See In the Matter of Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities, GN Docket No. 13-111, Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 36 FCC Rcd 11813, 11814, para. 2 (2021) (Second Report and Order); see also In the Matter of Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities, GN Docket No. 13-111, Erratum (rel. Aug. 3, 2021).

² Federal Communications Commission, Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities, 86 Fed. Reg. 44635 (Aug. 13, 2021).

³ Second Report and Order, 36 FCC Rcd at 11849, para. 90. These rules were approved by OMB on February 3, 2022.